

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. Please cancel claim 17 and add new claims 21-33.

1. (Original) An intake module assembly for a vehicle engine comprising:
an air path extending from an air filter to an engine cylinder head;
a first shell forming a first portion of said air path;
a second shell forming a second portion of said air path; and
a throttle hose portion supported on at least one of said first or second shells forming a third portion of said air path wherein said first and second shells are joined together such that said first, second, and third portions together completely form said air path.
2. (Original) The assembly of claim 1 wherein said first and second shells are welded together.
3. (Original) The assembly of claim 1 wherein said first and second shells solely form said air path.
4. (Original) The assembly of claim 1 including an intake manifold integrally and solely formed as part of said first and second shells.
5. (Original) The assembly of claim 4 including at least one resonator integrally and solely formed as part of said first and second shells.

6. (Original) The assembly of claim 5 including an air filter support integrally and solely formed as part of said first and second shells.
7. (Original) The assembly of claim 6 including a throttle hose integrally and solely formed as part of said first and second shells.
8. (Original) The assembly of claim 7 including a throttle body portion integrally formed as part of said first and second shells.
9. (Original) The assembly of claim 1 including a throttle body attached to at least one of said first and second shells.
10. (Original) The assembly of claim 1 wherein one of said first or second shells includes a rigid flange defining a mounting interface for attachment to the engine cylinder head.
11. (Original) The assembly of claim 1 wherein one of said first or second shells includes a first zip tube portion including an exhaust gas re-circulation port and said other of said first or second shells includes a second zip tube portion that aligns with said first zip tube portion at a zip tube joint to form a zip tube.

12. (Original) The assembly of claim 11 wherein said first and second zip tube portions each include a transversely extending flange formed at said zip tube joint to increase tube rigidity.

13. (Original) The assembly of claim 1 wherein said throttle hose portion is integrally formed as part of at least one of said first or second shells.

14. (Currently Amended) A method for forming an intake module assembly comprising the steps of:

aligning a first shell with a second shell to form a complete air path from an air filter to an engine cylinder head;

integrally forming at least one resonator as part of the first and second shells; and

joining the first and second shells together.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14 including the step of forming a throttle hose on at least one of the first or second shells to form a portion for the air path.

16. (Original) The method of claim 14 including the step of integrally forming an intake manifold as part of the first and second shells.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Original) The method of claim 14 including the step of integrally forming an air filter support as part of the first and second shells.
19. (Original) The method claim 14 including the step of integrally forming a throttle body portion as part of the first and second shells.
20. (Original) The method of claim 14 including the step of separately attaching a throttle body to at least one of the first and second shells.
21. (New) The assembly of claim 1 including at least one resonator integrally formed as part of said first and second shells.
22. (New) The assembly of claim 5 wherein air flows from said air filter through said resonator, from said resonator into said throttle hose portion, from said throttle hose portion into said intake manifold, and then out to the engine cylinder head.
23. (New) The assembly of claim 22 wherein air flows from said throttle hose portion into a zip tube and then flows from said zip tube into said intake manifold.

24. (New) An intake module assembly for attachment to a vehicle engine comprising:
- an air path extending from an air filter to an engine cylinder head;
- a first shell;
- a second shell joined to said first shell to form the air path with an air inlet at the air filter
- and an air outlet at the engine cylinder head; and
- a resonator formed within said first and second shells wherein air flows from said air inlet through said resonator to said air outlet.
25. (New) The assembly of claim 24 wherein said first and second shells completely and solely form the air path.
26. (New) The assembly of claim 24 including an intake manifold formed within said first and second shells wherein air flows from said resonator into said intake manifold.
27. (New) The assembly of claim 26 including a throttle hose supported by at least one of said first and second shells wherein air flows from said resonator into said throttle hose.
28. (New) The assembly of claim 27 wherein said throttle hose is integrally formed as part of said first and second shells.
29. (New) The assembly of claim 27 including a throttle body formed within said first and second shells wherein air flows from said throttle hose into said throttle body.

30. (New) The assembly of claim 29 including a zip tube formed within said first and second shells wherein air flows from said throttle body into said zip tube and then into said intake manifold.
31. (New) The assembly of claim 30 wherein said zip tube includes an exhaust gas recirculation port.
32. (New) The assembly of claim 30 including an air filter support integrally formed as part of at least one of said first and second shells.
33. (New) The assembly of claim 30 wherein said resonator, said intake manifold, and said throttle body are all integrally formed within said first and second shells.